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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS FOR
PRINTED BOARDS AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATICALLY INSERTING SAID
COMPONENTS IN PRINTED BOARDS

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Preliminary
Amendment
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC § 371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 4, line 135, replace the paragraph with the following paragraph.

The housing 1, which may also be a metal housing, in the instant case consists of metallized plastics material. On the mating plug side 2 thereof, it has four coaxial sockets 3 in a row and column arrangement. The layer thickness of the metallization of housing 1 is at least equal to the depth of penetration of the electromagnetic waves to be transmitted via the circuit board component.